(b) if so, Government's views on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The High Court of Delhi has ruled that the Chief Justice of India is a public authority under the Right to Information Act. An Appeal against the said judgment is pending before the Delhi High Court and the decision is awaited.

Public services bill

3152. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to bring in a Public Services Bill;

(b) if so, the objectives of the proposed Bill;

(c) the reasons for delay in bringing this Bill; and

(d) in what manner Government proposes to promote good governance and better work culture through this Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Government has drafted a Civil Services Bill, which envisages to provide a statutory basis for the regulation of the Civil Services in India, to regulate the appointment and conditions of the service of Civil Servants, to lay down the fundamental values of Civil Services, the Civil Services Code of Ethics, Civil Service Management Code, to establish a Civil Services Authority for facilitating review and to develop Civil Services as a professional, neutral, merit based and accountable instrument for promoting good governance and better delivery of services to citizens. A final decision to introduce the Bill has not yet been taken.

Functioning of RTI set up

3153. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2009-10 Government has spared only Rs. 14.16 crores as budget for RTI and whether only Rs. 3.55 crores has been spent till October 22, 2009;

(b) whether only 12 per cent women and 26 per cent men across the country were aware of the RTI law and the rights it gives to the citizen;

(c) whether according to Government statistics, 75 per cent of the citizens availing RTI facility are dissatisfied with the quality of information provided and find the data either incomplete or irrelevant; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the functioning of the RTI set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) A Budget Estimate of Rs. 14.16 crore has been made under the Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme on "Strengthening, Capacity Building and Awareness Generation for effective